

### Christ Every Day

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The periodical piety that goes by the calendar, and only serves the Lord Jesus at set times and places, is of very little value; it is only a perennial piety that possesses both peace and power. He is the only healthy Christian who runs his Christianity thru all the routine of his every day experiences. Some people keep their religion, as they do their umbrellas, for stormy weather, and hope to have it within easy reach if a dangerous sickness overtakes them. Others, and quite too many, reserve their piety for the Sabbath and the sanctuary, and on Monday they fold it up and lay it away with their Sunday clothes. A healthy, vigorous, cheerful, working religion cannot be maintained on Sabbaths and songs and sacraments; every day has got to be a "Lord's day" if we expect to make any real headway heavenward. I have observed that those who try to live by fits and frames and feelings are never fruitful Christians.

## The Mission Field

### Ecumenical Echoes

The personnel of the great Conference was a matter of intense interest to me; it was partly this that impelled me to attend the Conference. I would not go far to see the President of the United States, even tho I highly respect the office he holds, but men such as John G. Paton, J. Hudson Taylor, Andrew Murray, or almost any other missionaries who leave the very marks of the Lord Jesus upon them; men who have proven their love and fidelity to Jesus, and suffering humanity by the sacrifice of home, and friends, and money; men whose life has been spared time, and time, and again by the direct interposition of God when there was no other power to save are objects of intense interest to me. True, they look very much like other men when you see them, so much so that one almost feels a sense of disappointment after one does see them, but as their history is recalled interest increases in them.

When John G. Paton was called on to pray at the opening of the first session I attended an unwilling feeling of adoration possessed my heart. I thought of his prayers and the definite answers to them while alone among the savages of the New Hebrides. I felt that the God who had heard his prayers under those circumstances would hear and answer them in this larger sphere of work. Somehow I could feel the divine benediction as his words of love flowed out from his tender heart.

J. Hudson Taylor who has been in the heart of China for nearly fifty years, who has been the instrument of bringing thousands of superstitious degraded Chinamen to a saving knowledge of the truth could not help to be an object of admiration, yes even veneration to every one at all interested in missionary work.

Harry Guinness of London was possibly

the most enthusiastic man in the Conference. He is a prime mover in what is known as the "Regions Beyond Missionary Society." He appeared to attract more attention than any other speaker. He is witty, pungent and clear-headed, young and vigorous, destined to accomplish something wherever he goes; no doubt his name will shine on the pages of future missionary history.

It is not only what these men are in their present sphere of work that interests me, but what they will be in the dispensation of the Lord Jesus upon earth. How will the seven-fold promises to the over comers in Revelations, chapter two and three affect them: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even so I also overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne."

The appearance of the audiences generally was also a study to me. There was of course no sense of uniformity in dress, nor any marked sense of non-conformity, but a very high degree of simplicity. The Conference was made up of the better classes of members from all evangelical denominations, some of course well-to-do in this world's goods, and yet upon close observation I failed to see a single instance of any special effort at display in dress. There was a marked difference between the general appearance of the people in the Conference and the people one sees upon the fashionable thoroughfares of New York City.

The people also manifested a Christian spirit. As already stated the Conference was made up of many different denominations of people of different temperament, different training, different environments, and no doubt of different views, yet there was union and harmony of sentiment, and marked evidences of traits of Christian character. I did not see one muffled countenance among all the thousands during the three days I was present. We have been having peaceable conferences but I scarcely believe that we equal the spirit that characterized that great convention.

Having given honor where honor is due, I may also be allowed to criticize at least one of the outgrowths of the Conference and that is the pompous receptions given in honor of returned missionaries at some of the great hotels. The Methodists at the Sapoy, the Presbyterians at Sherry's and very likely the Lutherans at some other great hostelry, and the Congregationalists at still another. How unlike the feast in the upper room, when the Master stooped to wash the disciples' feet. Pomp and display is a marked feature in those great fashionable hotel receptions. The very associations of the places are bad. Sherry's was made famous a few years ago by an indecent ball given there, and yet these great religious bodies could not resist the temptation to make a fair show in the flesh. Oh, how much more Christ-like and inspiring to the missionaries would it have been if they had gone into some great hall and celebrated the Lord's supper and communion there, that is if they had a

spiritual instead of a carnal feast together.

I felt that the Brethren church had a great mission in the world. We need to teach our big sisters something on the lines of Christian propriety, if not true spirituality. May the Lord magnify Himself through us.

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### Chicago Mission

The spring is opening up beautifully, and people are beginning to be active in the preparation for the summer work. Work in our mission is doing very nicely, and all the services are fairly well attended; much better than a year ago. The many who have been sick during the winter are getting well.

Dewey day in the city was a big day, and thousands of people paraded the streets, and were perched in convenient places to see the man of Manila. I was too busy to go down city, but saw many thousand people on their way to mingle with the press and the throng in the streets. I was impressed with the thought that there is a much greater one than Dewey, to which if Chicago people would pay the same homage, and show the same interest in His victory, would bring to them lasting benefits and untold happiness. I grow day by day in the conviction that the only solution of human problems is God. O that the people would seek after God, and Godliness, and not be so selfish. So many are ready to lavish their time and means on human heroes. I thank God for human heroes of the right kind, the world has had them, but they were men after God, that would spurn the thought of adoration from their fellow men. It does one's soul good to meet with those who really love to seek deeply for God's word and love. Recently we received such a one into our membership; tho recently come to Christ is deeply interested in the deeper truths, and it is a joy to one's soul when we can lead such to Christ.

Soon we will need to get ready for children's day services. Sister Moomaw is with us now and her earnest work is appreciated. The moving season of the year is now here and many families are entering new quarters, but none of our members moved, I believe but Sister Ulery, and she gets a little nearer the mission. We have been busy cleaning up, house and mission. Soon we will need to organize some new Sunday-school classes. Brother McColoster's infant class is increasing so rapidly that it must be divided. Two divisions will be made in the Bible class which Brother Bush taught so faithfully.

Owing to the many school exercises at Auburn, Ill., I recalled my appointments there, and will go to Stanley, Wisconsin, next week to hold meetings there. We are hopeful of great blessings there. Several who confessed the Lord last winter will be baptised.

When we see so many of our pastors laying down pastoral work and some entering the general work, and some undecided what they will do, we are made to wonder where we are to get pastors? But God will answer prayers and lead all who will be led